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To: Ambulatory Surgery Centers
Managed Care Plans

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Subject: Ambulatory Surgery Centers: Additions and Deletions to Current Procedural Terminology and Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System Codes and Updates to Expedited Prior Authorization Criteria.

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2006, the Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA) is updating the Ambulatory Service Centers (ASC) fee schedule to include additions and deletions to the Year 2006 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT[®]) codes and Health Care Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II codes. HRSA is also updating the Expedited Prior Authorization (EPA) list to include criteria for cochlear implants.

Procedure Code Changes

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2006, the following procedure code changes will be made to the ASC fee schedule:

Added Procedure Codes:

Procedure Code Added	Group	PA?
15300	2	n/a
15301	2	n/a
15320	2	n/a
15321	2	n/a
15330	2	n/a
15331	2	n/a
15335	2	n/a

Procedure Code Added	Group	PA?
15336	2	n/a
16020	2	n/a
16025	2	n/a
16030	2	n/a
37718	3	n/a
37722	3	n/a

Deleted Procedure Codes:

Deleted Code	Deleted Code	Deleted Code	Deleted Code
15350	15351	16015	21493
21494	31585	31586	37720
37730	42325	Q1001	Q1002

New Expedited Prior Authorization Criteria

Please refer to the authorization section of your billing instructions for information on how to create an expedited authorization number.

Cochlear Implants	
CPT: 69930	
Dx 389.1 – 389.18	
423	<p>Unilateral cochlear implantation for adults (age 18 and older) with post lingual hearing loss and for children (age 12 months-17 years) with prelingual hearing loss when all of the following criteria are met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Client has a diagnosis of profound to severe bilateral, sensorineural hearing loss; 2) Client has stimulable auditory nerves but have limited benefit from appropriately fitted hearing aids (e.g., fail to meet age-appropriate auditory milestones in the best-aided condition for young children or score of less than or equal to 40% correct in the best- aided condition on recorded open-set sentence recognition tests; 3) Client has cognitive ability to use auditory clues; 4) Client is willing to undergo an extensive rehabilitation program; <u>and</u> 5) All of the following are true <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. There is an accessible cochlear lumen that is structurally suitable for cochlear implantation; b. The client does not have a middle ear infection; c. Client does not have lesions in the auditory nerve and acoustic areas of the central nervous system; and d. There are no other contraindications to surgery

Reminder

All procedures performed in an ASC are subject to the parent program guidelines.

For example: Surgeries are subject to the Physician-Related Services Washington Administrative Code (WAC) and *Physician-Related Services Billing Instructions*; dental procedures are subject to the Dental-Related Services WAC and *Dental Program Billing Instructions*.

Ambulatory Surgery Centers Fee Schedule

To obtain the new ASC fee schedule, visit HRSA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov>. Click on the Billing Instructions/Numbered Memoranda link and then on the Fee Schedules link. Bill HRSA your usual and customary charge.

How do I conduct business electronically with HRSA?

You may conduct business electronically with HRSA by accessing WAMedWeb; go to <http://wamedweb.acs-inc.com>

How can I get HRSA's provider documents?

To obtain DSHS/HRSA provider numbered memoranda and billing instruction, go to the DSHS/HRSA website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click *the Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link). These may be downloaded and printed.